

Senate Bill No. 29

CHAPTER 4

An act relating to public health, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 29, Perata. Budget Trailer Bill: Tobacco Surtax Fund.

Existing law, the Budget Act of 2004, appropriates funds from the Hospital Services Account and the Physician Services Account of the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund to the State Department of Health Services for local assistance.

This bill would reappropriate certain amounts from these accounts, so appropriated in the Budget Act of 2004, to the California Healthcare for Indigents Program and the rural health services program.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) Of the amount appropriated in Item 4260-111-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2004 from the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund, twenty-four million eight hundred three thousand dollars (\$24,803,000) shall be allocated in accordance with subdivision (b) for the 2004-05 fiscal year from the following accounts:

(1) Twenty million two hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$20,227,000) from the Hospital Services Account.

(2) Four million five hundred seventy-six thousand dollars (\$4,576,000) from the Physician Services Account.

(b) The funds specified in subdivision (a) shall be allocated proportionately as follows:

(1) Twenty-two million three hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$22,324,000) shall be administered and allocated for distribution through the California Healthcare for Indigents Program (CHIP), Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 16940) of Part 4.7 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(2) Two million four hundred seventy-nine thousand dollars (\$2,479,000) shall be administered and allocated through the rural health services program, Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 16930) of Part 4.7 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(c) Funds allocated by this section from the Physician Services Account in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund shall be used only for the reimbursement of uncompensated emergency services, as defined in Section 16953 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Funds shall be transferred to the Physician Services Account in the county Emergency Medical Services Fund established pursuant to Sections 16951 and 16952 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(d) Funds allocated by this section from the Hospital Services Account in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund shall be used only for reimbursement of uncompensated emergency services, as defined in Section 16953 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, provided in general acute care hospitals providing basic, comprehensive, or standby emergency services. Reimbursement for emergency services shall be consistent with Section 16952 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to make necessary changes to implement the Budget Act of 2004, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.